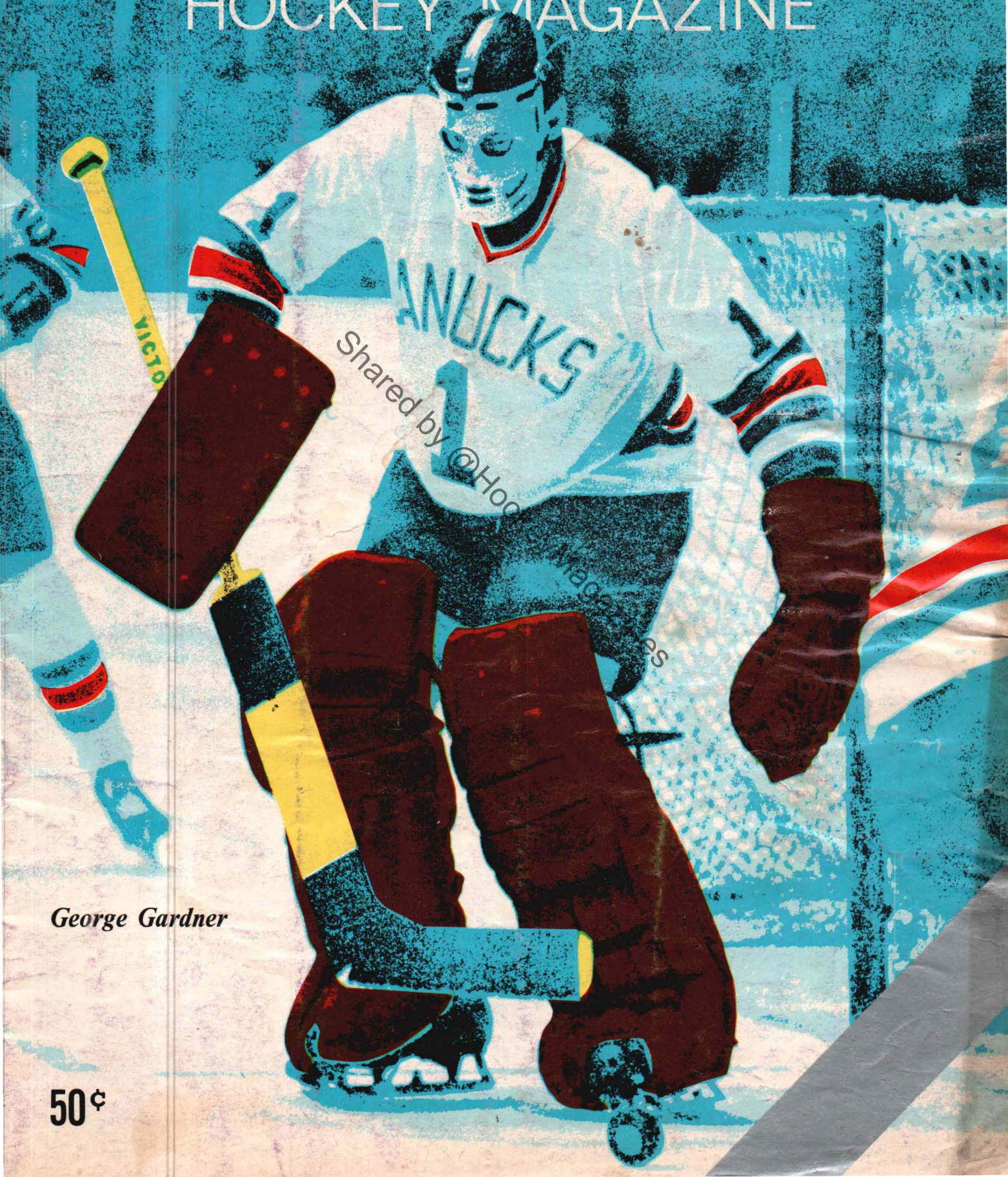


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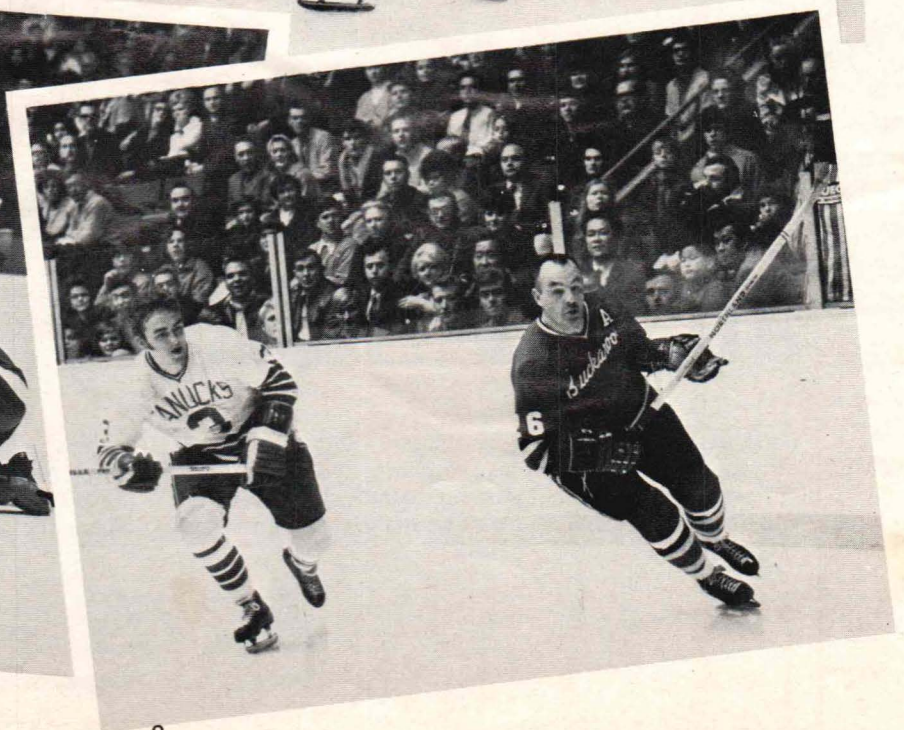
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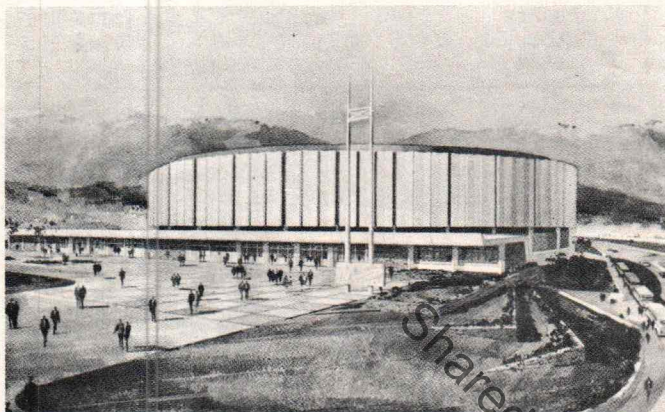
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There've Been Some Great WHL Clubs But It's a New Game at Playoff Time

By HAL SIGURDSON

THE VANCOUVER SUN

Unless the Vancouver Canucks get around to re-writing the record book this season, the biggest victory margin rung up in recent Western Hockey League history was the one posted by the 1963-64 Denver Invaders.

The Invaders of that season were back in the barn and cooling out before the Portland Buckaroos finally chugged home in second place, 18 points off the pace.

There have been times this season when the current Canucks have threatened to win by an even greater margin, but there is something **Joe Crozier's** charging athletes might consider.

Those high-rolling Invaders were beaten in the playoffs.

The San Francisco Seals, who staggered home fourth just three points ahead of the fifth place Seattle Totems, won it all when the playoff bonus money was plopped on the table.

Thus history offers its lesson—no matter how far in front a team may be in league play, the playoffs are a new game with everyone starting even.

Nevertheless, the current Canucks must rate as one of the strongest teams in WHL history, which is appropriate in view of the fact this is Vancouver's final WHL season.

Rudy Pilous, the man who coached that 1963-64 Denver team, is on record that the Canucks are better than his juggernaut. They're better than a lot of others, too.

Still, the WHL has had its share of great teams and one of the finest was the Edmonton Flyers club that picked up all the marbles in 1955.

Remember that one? **Glenn Hall** in goal; **Steve Hyrmak**, **Hugh Coflin**, **Larry Zeidel**, **Ed Zeniuk** and **Keith Allen** on defence; **Bronco Horvath**, **Johnny Bucyk**, **Ed Stankiewicz**, **Norm Ullman**, **Jerry Melnyk**, **Don Poile**, **Ray Hannigan**, **Lorne Davis**, **Enio Scisizzi** and **Chuck Holmes** on the forward lines.

Or how about the Winnipeg Warriors of the following season. **Eddie Chadwick** in goal; **Fred Shero**, **Danny Summers**, **Mickey Keating**, **Bill Burega** and **Chuck Lumsden** on defence; **Bill Mosienko**, **Barry Cullen**, **Mike Nykoluk**, **Eric Nesterenko**, **Gary Aldcorn**, **Paul Masnick**, **Skippy Burchell**, **Ed Mazur**, **Cec Hoekstra** and **Hugh Barlow** on the forward lines.

The Canucks team that won the title in 1960 had to be something else behind the blueline. **Sandy Hucul**, the guy voted the league's outstanding defenceman just a few seasons back, couldn't crack the lineup and spent almost the entire season playing as a forward.

The guys who made him a forward were named **Brent McNab**, **Hank Cahan**, **Ralph Keller** and **Dale Anderson**.

The Canucks had a few handy forwards around that year too . . . guys like **Colin Kilburn**, **Tony Leswick** and **Orland Kurtenbach**. No **Phil Maloney** wasn't with Vancouver that season.

The Seattle Totems who wound up drinking champagne in the spring of 1967 were also tough defensively. So tough **Pat Quinn**, now a member of the Toronto Maple Leafs, had trouble getting on the ice.

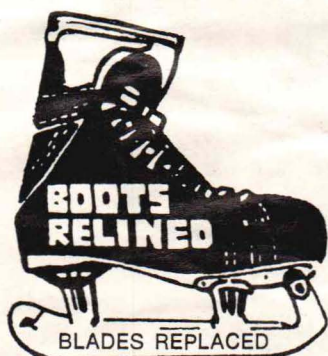
The other members of that defence were **Noel Picard**, **Larry Hale**, **Bob Lemieux**, **Jean Gauthier** and **Don Ward**.

Not a bad lineup !

Over the years the winners have also had some great goaltenders. **Gump Worsley** with the 1952 Saskatoon Quakers; **Glenn Hall** with the '55 Flyers; **Hank Bassen** with the '60 Canucks.

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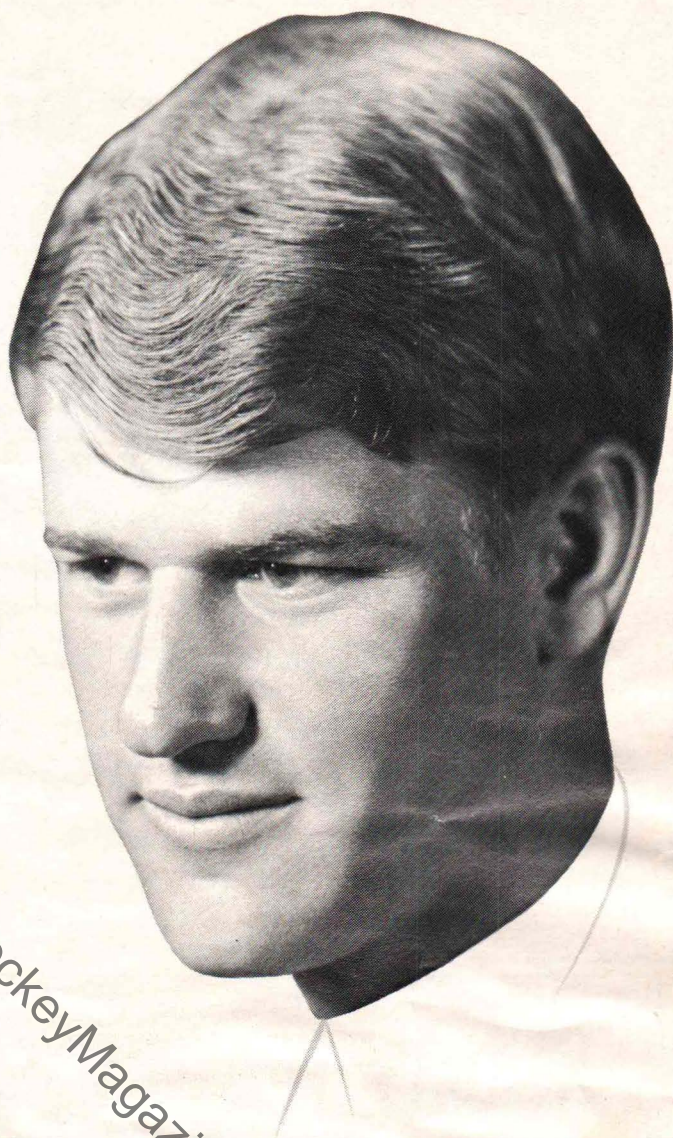
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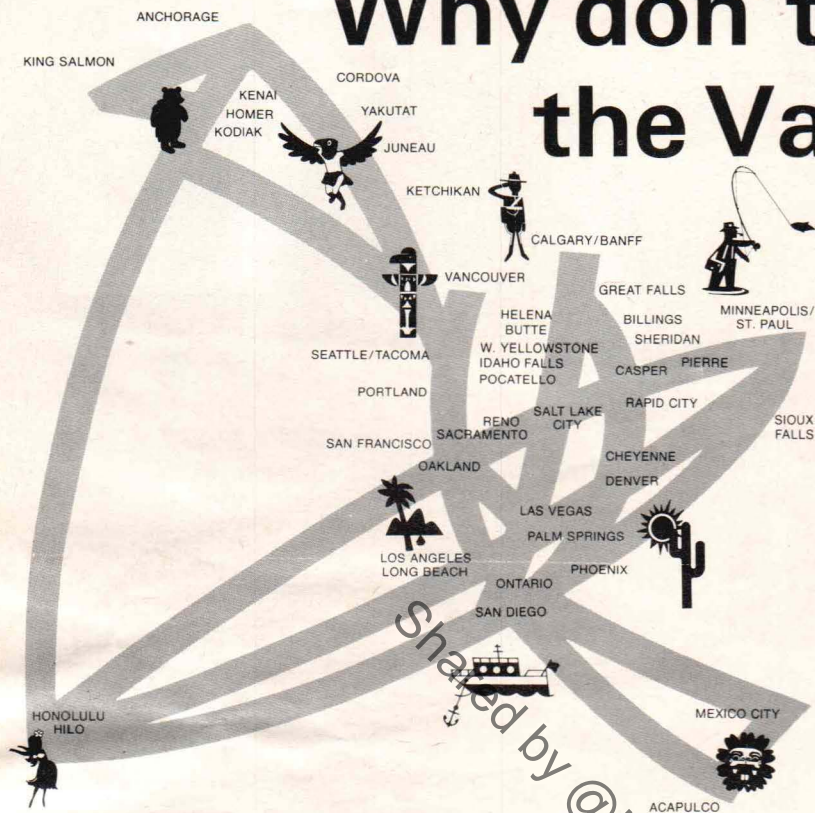
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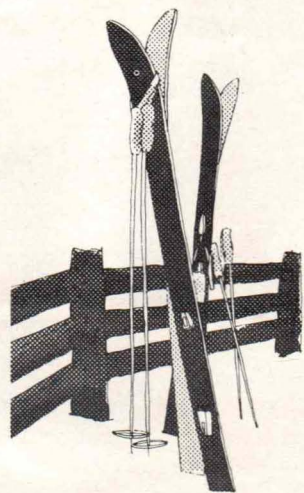
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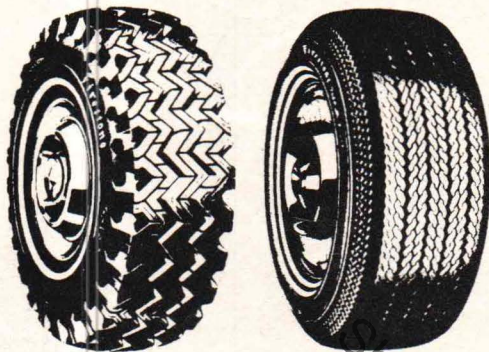
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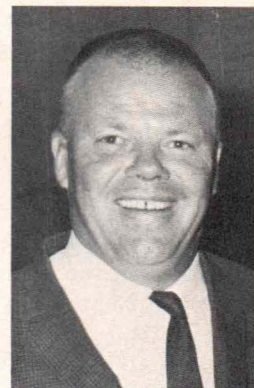
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A lot of people have asked me to single out what I thought has been my best hockey club. Believe me, it isn't an easy question.

Disregarding our present team, I'd say the 1964-65 season produced one of the top clubs in minor hockey. I was behind the bench in Rochester then, and we walked away with the league title with well over 100 points.

It was really a great collection of guys. **Gerry Cheevers** was my goaltender and he played some unbelievable hockey, game in and game out.

Three fellows who were all outstanding defencemen in the American Hockey League that year all wore Rochester colors. **Larry Hillman**, **Darryl Sly** and "my pet," **Al Arbour**, made it truly a great defence.

Then I had the likes of **Gerry Ehman**, **Bronco Horvath**, **Larry Jeffery**, **Brian Conacher** and **Dick Gamble** up front. **Wally Boyer** was there, too.

See what I mean?



And let me go back, just for a minute, to that guy named Cheevers. For my money, he was the goaltender I thought the Toronto Maple Leafs should have protected back in those days.

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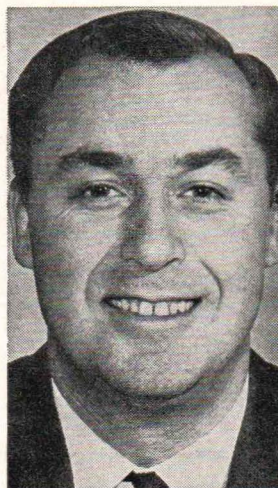


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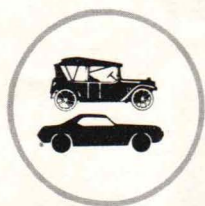
Style Stays the Same



HAL SIGURDSON

By HAL SIGURDSON

CUFF NOTES — The question to Hal Laycoe was carefully couched . . . Did he intend to outfit the Canucks with the same style he employed so successfully in Portland? . . . Laycoe's reply was phrased with equal care . . . "No," he said, "we'll stay with the style the club has been using and let the other teams worry about us." . . . He conceded some of Portland's top guns may receive special attention but otherwise he would let the opposition worry about playing defence . . . When Laycoe was calling the shots in Portland all those years, the Bucks' style was slightly different, at least in Vancouver . . . They could play offence with the best in the league, all right, but once they got a lead, they knew how to protect it with a cool, disciplined style, that frequently drove the Canucks to the brink of frustration . . . But Friday in his debut as the Canucks' coach, Laycoe was as good as his word . . . It was damn the torpedoes and full speed ahead . . . The unwilling victims of this all-out onslaught were the Phoenix Roadrunners who left the Coliseum reeling under the embarrassment of a 15-3 shellacking. It really wasn't all that surprising . . . For weeks now the Vancouver players have been operating under a cloud of uncertainty . . . There was the question whether former general-manager coach **Joe Crozier** would stay or go, then, after his departure, the question of whether he would come back, and, if not, who would replace him . . . Friday all the pieces fell into place . . . At last there were specific people in charge of the operation and the players were again able to aim at specific goals. The obvious incentive of winning the bonus money available to the team that finishes first and win the playoff title has always been there, of course . . . But this season the Canucks have even bigger fish to fry . . . Those who perform most impressively during the balance of the Western Hockey League season will have the best chance of sticking with the club that enters the National Hockey League next fall . . . And to the players who make it, that is worth a lot of money . . . Now, after all that indecision, they know whom they have to impress — general-manager **Bud Poile** and coach **Hal Laycoe** . . . The way they set about that task Friday, indicates a lot of them intend to be back in Vancouver next season.



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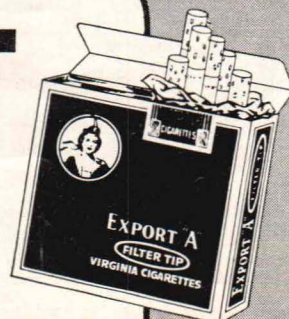
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PLAYER	HGT.	WGT.	PLACE OF BIRTH	DATE	1968-69 CLUB	1968-69 RECORD			
Forwards						GP	G	A	P
GAGNE, Pierre	6 - 1	197	North Bay, Ont.	June 5/40	Providence	67	17	22	39
GUILBAULT, GEORGES	5 - 9	175	Windsor, Ont.	Sept. 6/42	Kansas City	63	26	20	46
HARRIS, HUGH	6	195			Muskegon	70	33	39	72
HARPER, BRIAN	6 - 1	175	Regina, Sask.		Denver	15	2	3	5
LOSIER, JEAN	5 - 11	185			Houston	15	0	1	1
McDONALD, BRIAN	6 - 1	175	Toronto, Ont.	Mar. 23/45		None Available			
MARTIN, WILF	5 - 10	175	St. Paul, Alta.	Jan. 25/42	Denver	64	37	30	67
REDAHL, GORD	6 - 1	195	Kinistino, Sask.	Aug. 28/35	Denver	65	18	17	35
SHELTON, DOUG	5 - 9	175	Woodstock, Ont.	June 27/45	Dallas	69	17	27	44
TOPOLL, DEL	5 - 9	165	Durban, Man.	Oct. 21/33	Denver	48	7	23	30
Defencemen									
HOLDAWAY, JIM	6	193	Flin Flon, Man.	Dec. 15/39	Denver	70	2	24	26
LaFOND, JERRY	6 - 1	190	Dawson Creek, B.C.	June 26/45	Providence	60	1	10	11
LaFRENIERE, ROGER	5 - 11	190	Montreal, Que.	July 24/42	Omaha	69	14	26	40
MAVETY, LARRY	5 - 11	195	Woodstock, Ont.	May 29/42	Denver	74	5	28	33
SCHELLA, JOHN	5 - 11	180	Port Arthur, Ont.	May 9/47	Denver	69	4	22	26
SHARPE, DON	6	185	Toronto, Ont.	Sept. 15/45	Amarillo	69	10	20	30
Goaltenders						GP	GA	SO	AV
CARON, JACQUES	6 - 2	190	Noranda, Que.	April 21/40	Denver	31	122	2	4.15
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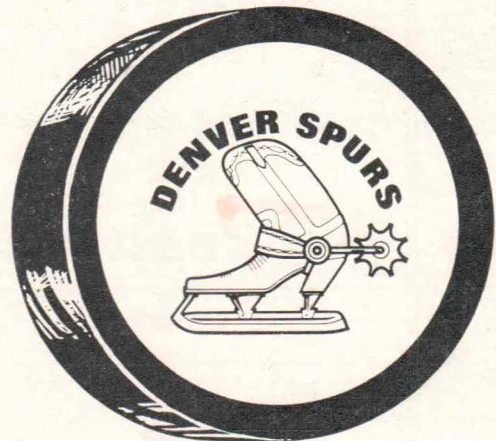
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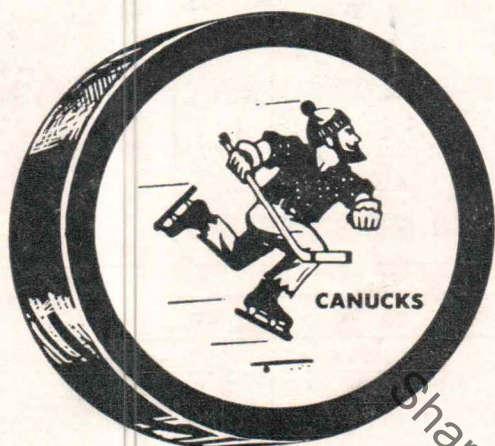
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 - 8 ROGER LAFRENIERE, Defence
 - 9 BRIAN McDONALD, Right Wing
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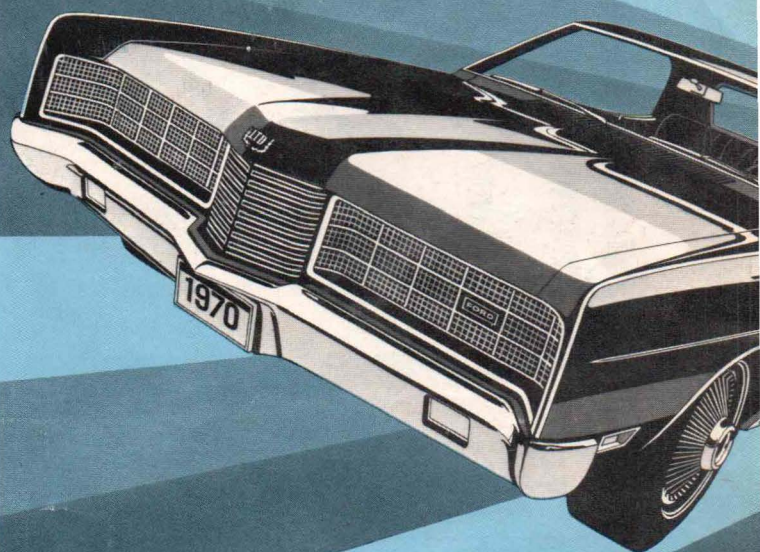
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5 JOHN ARBOUR, Defence
6 BRAD SELWOOD, Defence
7 PAUL ANDREA, Right Wing
9 ANDY BATHGATE, Centre
10 TED TAYLOR, Left Wing
11 TED McCASKILL, Left Wing
12 CLELAND MORTSON, Centre
14 GERMAIN GAGNON, Left Wing
15 GERRY GOYER, Centre
16 LEN LUNDE, Right Wing
17 MURRAY HALL, Right Wing
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PLAYER	HGT.	WGT.	PLACE OF BIRTH	DATE	1968-69 CLUB	1968-69 RECORD			
						GP	G	A	P
Forwards									
ANDREA, PAUL	5 - 10	174	North Sydney, N.S.	July 31/41	Pittsburgh-Amarillo	69	30	35	65
HALL, MURRAY	6	176	Kirkland Lake, Ont.	Nov. 24/40	Vancouver	69	28	37	65
HANNIGAN, PAT	5 - 10	190	Timmins, Ont.	Mar. 5/36	Phil.-Buff.-Van.	50	18	30	48
HARRIS, DUKE	5 - 10	180	Sarnia, Ont.	Feb. 25/42	Vancouver	74	23	17	40
McCASKILL, TED	6 - 1	190	Kapuskasing, Ont.	Oct. 29/36	Vancouver	45	11	13	24
TAYLOR, TED	6	175	Brandon, Man.	Feb. 25/42	Vancouver	64	15	29	44
GAGNON, GERMAIN	6	175	Chicoutimi, Que.	Dec. 9/42	Vancouver	61	8	21	29
BATHGATE, ANDY	6	180	Winnipeg, Man.	Aug. 28/32	Vancouver	71	37	36	73
LUNDE, LEN	6 - 1	195	Campbell River, B.C.	Nov. 13/36	Vancouver	65	26	27	53
MORTSON, CLELAND	5 - 9	170	Arnfield, Que.	Mar. 29/34	Baltimore	74	20	49	69
GOYER, GERRY	6 - 1	196	Belleville, Ont.	Oct. 20/36	Portland	67	12	28	40
Defencemen									
REAUME, MARC	6 - 1	185	Lasalle, Ont.	Feb. 7/34	Rochester-Vancouver	70	4	25	29
SELWOOD, BRAD	6 - 1	188	Leamington, Ont.	Mar. 18/43	Tulsa	70	7	32	39
ARBOUR, JOHN	5 - 11	195	Niagara Falls	Sept. 28/45	Baltimore-Pittsburgh	74	4	19	23
LEMIEUX, BOB	6 - 2	205	Montreal, P.Q.	Dec. 16/44	Vancouver	65	3	12	15
DUNVILLE, DOUG	5 - 11	190	Toronto, Ont.	Aug. 22/45	Phoenix	55	3	17	20
Goaltenders						GP	GA	SO	AV
GARDNER, GEORGE	5 - 10	175	Lachine, Que.	Oct. 8/42	Vancouver	53	154	2	3.01
ZIMMERMAN, LYNN	5 - 8	155	Fort Erie, Ont.	July 13/42	Rochester	11	48	0	5.40



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Sam Pays 'Em Back

By CLANCY LORANGER

Vancouver hockey fans who follow the Canuck scene closely will remember the name which appears in the Denver Spurs lineup for the first time here tonight: **Dick Sentes**.

The young forward started last season here, but that's not really his claim to fame, because he failed to pick up a point in eight games with

years of NHL experience behind him, might be able to help an expansion team that had just finished last.

But no. Minnesota's **Wren Blair** looked over the list and decided that Duff was not the man he wanted. No, indeed. The North Stars' first choice was Dick Sentes, who had scored 16 goals and had 13 assists with Cleveland of the American Hockey League after he was let go by the Canucks.

The Canadiens' **Sam Pollock**, who didn't even have the grace to look surprised, promptly placed Duff on his protected list. The fact that Duff had his problems this season and wound up with Los Angeles Kings really has nothing to do with the story.

Something that just might, however, happened recently. The Canadiens were having some trouble with their veteran goaltender, **Gump Worsley**, who refused to report to Montreal's AHL farm team, the Voyageurs, to get in shape after an injury.

Gump quit the club, and was sitting around doing nothing in particular when he suddenly got a call to go back to work. For whom? Why, Minnesota North Stars, no less.

Isn't that an amazing coincidence?

And wasn't it Sam Pollock who coined that well-known hockey saying: "You scratch my back, I'll scratch yours."?

the Canucks.

But Sentes caused quite a stir in hockey circles last June in Montreal. There was this intra-league National Hockey League draft, and Minnesota North Stars had first pick.

Well, sir, the Stanley Cup champion Montreal Canadiens, being loaded with talent, weren't able to protect everybody, and there on the draft list was **Dick Duff**.

Now Duff has a little age on him — he was then 33 — but he had just completed a 19-goal season and, as usual, did an outstanding job in the playoffs. In 14 playoff games, Duff had six goals and eight assists — not bad for an old man.

You'd figure that a player of Duff's calibre, with 15

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	GP	G	A	Pts
Andy Bathgate	64	37	61	98
Paul Andrea	62	35	47	82
Murray Hall	64	24	53	77
Gerry Goyer	52	24	44	68
Pat Hannigan	64	27	38	65
Ted Taylor	56	31	32	63
Len Lunde	60	27	30	57
Ted McCaskill	64	20	17	37
Germain Gagnon	64	13	24	37
Marc Reaume	64	10	24	34
John Arbour	64	7	24	31
Duke Harris	63	16	18	34
Brad Selwood	64	9	18	27
Doug Dunville	58	6	15	21
Bob Lemieux	50	7	9	16
Keke Mortson	48	3	11	14
Lynn Zimmerman	12	0	1	1

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	MP	GA	SO	Av.
George Gardner	3195	151	3	2.83
Lynn Zimmerman	641	43	0	3.83

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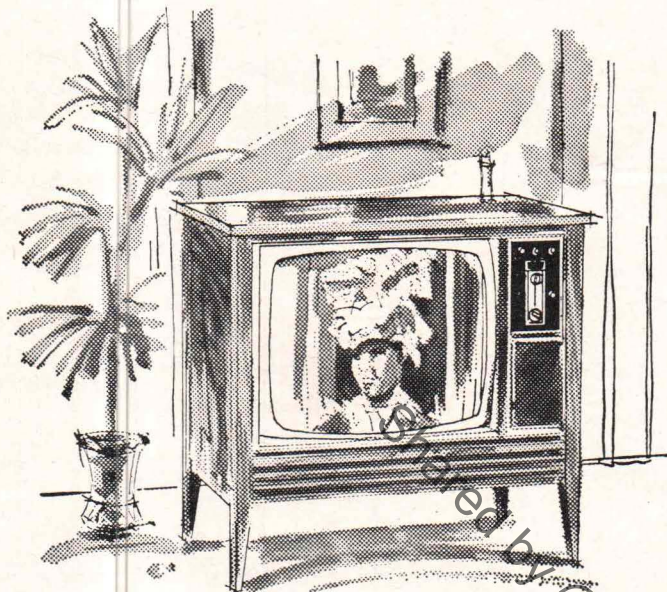
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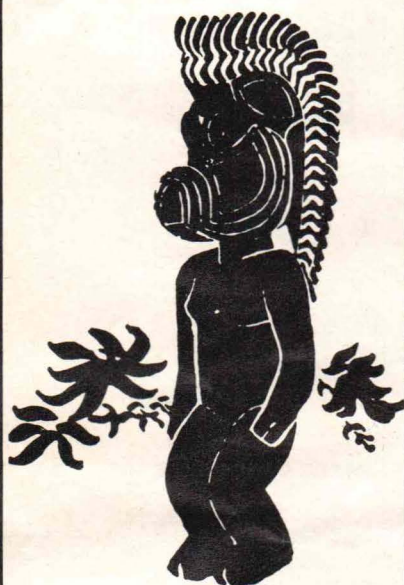
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Ten Canucks Chasing Charmed Circle

By JIM ROBSON

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Twenty goals! That's the target for every forward in professional hockey. To score 20 goals in one season is to finish a baseball season batting .300, or to finish a football season averaging five yards per carry.

The Vancouver Canucks could end this season with ten .300 hitters — and that's not bad out of an 18-man roster. And you must exclude the two goalkeepers. A goal by a goaltender has never been registered in the hockey record books, despite the claims of **Charlie Rayner** legends.

Then there are five defencemen, and don't look for them to score 20 goals apiece. Defencemen do score goals and enjoy it more than anybody, but you won't find a 20-goal scorer on the Vancouver blueline this year. The Western Hockey League mark of 25 goals by a defenceman set first by **Doug Barkley** and equalled last year by **John Hanna** is safe this year. There's no **Bobby Orr** burning up the WHL.

Thus, discounting the rearguard, there are 11 Canucks going after that magic number of 20 goals.

Ten could make it.

You can discount **Keke Mortson**, the pepperpot who joined the team quite late and has had limited ice time.

The long shot for 20 has to be **Ted McCaskill**, who's best previous season produced 17 goals. But at this writing, the big guy has a definite chance to reach 20.

All of the others have done it before.

Paul Andrea has had five 20-goal seasons, twice scoring a high of 37 in one campaign. **Andy Bathgate** has had ten such banner years, nine of them in the NHL. So this year is the eleventh 20-goal season in Bathgate's illustrious career. His high for one season is 40, his Hart Trophy year of 1958-59.

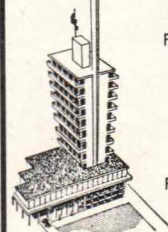
Len Lunde has been quite a goal scorer over the years too, topped by a brilliant 50-goal season in Buffalo in

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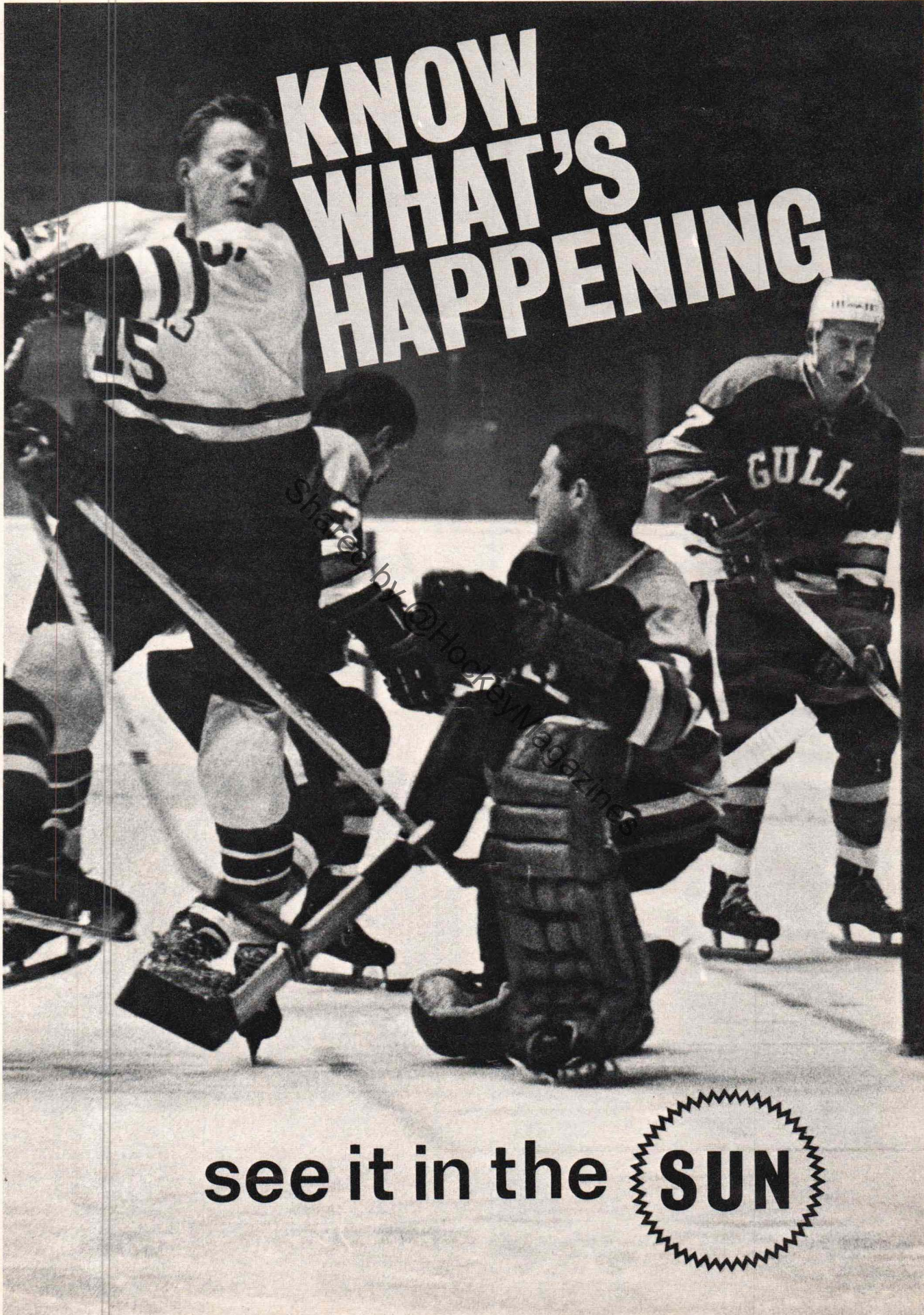
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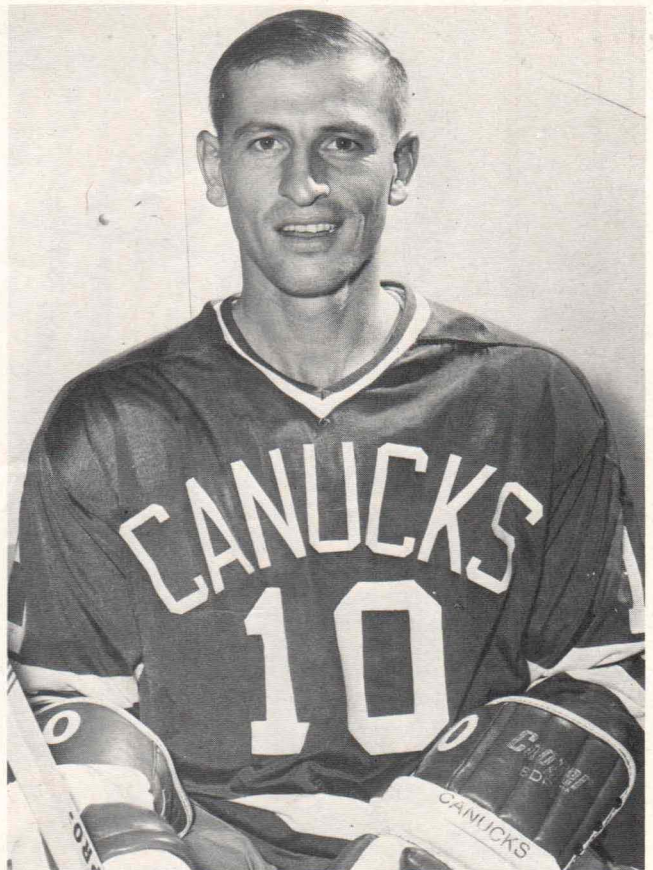
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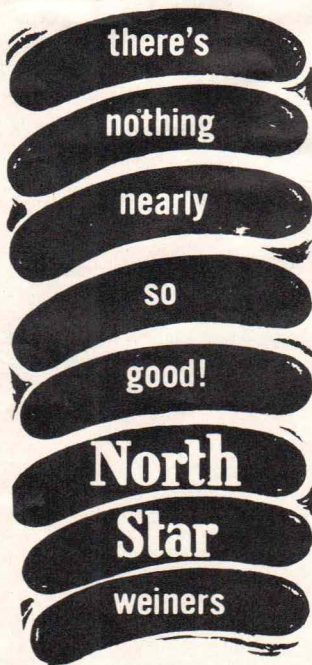
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1964-65. This season is Lunde's eighth 20-goal year.

Ted Taylor, the fourth Canuck to reach the 20-goal mark this season, has been known more as a hard-checking digger than a goal-scorer. But "TT" has had four previous 20-goal years, topped by his 25 one season in Baltimore.

Gerry Goyer, **Joe Crozier's** bargain-beauty, has a string of seven straight 20-goal years in the WHL, including a pair of seasons when he scored 31 times.

Pat Hannigan scored 26 goals for the old New Westminster Royals back in 1957-58 and scored 37 more the next year. The rugged son of a Timmins miner had five 20-goal seasons heading into this campaign, topped by his 38 goals in Buffalo the same year that linemate Lunde got his 50.

Murray Hall has been a 20-goal man five times, topped by a pair of 20-goal years.

Germain Gagnon has had one 20-goal season, when he potted 26 for Memphis two years ago.

Duke Harris isn't having the year he did last season, when he scored 23 goals and won the Canuck Booster's Unsung Hero award. But the Duker could break out at any time with that booming slap shot of his. Harris has had four 20-goal seasons.

There they are, the Vancouver Canuck forwards. In the opinion of San Diego's **Max McNab**, and many others, the "best crop of forwards ever to play for one team in the WHL." Who can argue when 10 of them could end up with 20-goal seasons.

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. . . Some of hockey's greatest stars didn't exactly fill the net in their rookie years in the NHL. In **Gordie Howe's** first NHL season, he scored seven goals. **Bobby Hull's** first year produced 13. **Andy Bathgate** scored 20 in his first full NHL season, but in two previous tries with the Rangers had only two goals in 38 NHL games. **Jean Beliveau** scored 13 goals in his first NHL season, but played only 44 games. The great **Rocket Richard** scored only five goals in his rookie year, but broke his leg after 16 games. His first full year was a different story. The Rocket scored 32 goals in 46 games, but wasn't eligible for the rookie award. The Calder Trophy winner that year was **Gus Bodnar**.

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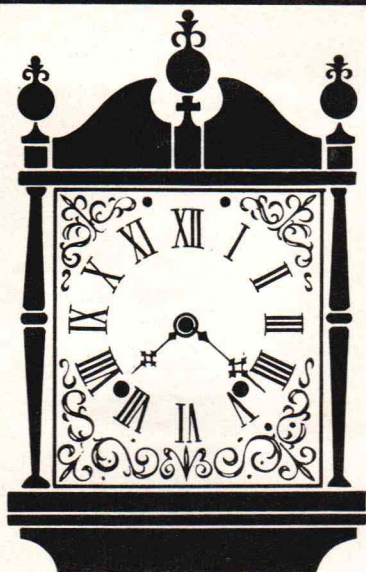


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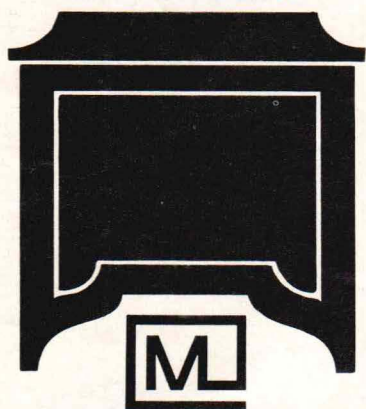
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You'll recall during those days we had a working agreement with the Leafs. I was so high on Cheevers, I suggested to **Punch Imlach** he protect both **Gerry** and **Johnny Bower**, thus letting **Terry Sawchuk** go.

As it turned out, the New York Rangers approached Punch and offered him two hockey players for Sawchuk. Imlach asked New York how many guys they'd be willing to give up for Cheevers and when the Rangers said just one, it seemed to change everyone's mind. So they let Cheevers go and judging by the way he's been playing in Boston, it looks like quite a sound investment for the Bruins.

But you know, no matter what names are mentioned when the talk gets around to great hockey players, the guy who has to rate right at the top is my big number 9 —**Mr. Bathgate**.

Besides being a great hockey player, he's beautiful as far as lifting a team's morale off the ice. He gets them moving and I don't just mean the younger guys. Everybody . . . me included . . . get a big lift from just having Andy around.

Another popular question has been, "how do you compare the American Hockey League with the WHL?"

And here's where I have to pull in my horns and make a bit of a confession.

See, when I used to bring my Rochester club through the Western League during those days of the interlocking schedule, we really didn't have too much trouble winning.

But I found out last year what a good, competitive league we have here.

It surprised me.

The Buckaroos and Totems play a defensive style of game. For instance, back in the AHL a team like the Hershey Bears would charge at us, sending three men in on top of the play. And the same went for Quebec. It was strictly a matter of offence and more offence.

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Vancouver Roster Under Close Watch

By CLANCY LORANGER

THE VANCOUVER PROVINCE

Despite the fact that the Canucks swept to the Lester Patrick championship last season by taking eight straight playoff games, it was Portland and Seattle players who grabbed off most of the individual WHL honors.

Only two Canucks — **Bob Barlow** and **Darryl Sly** — made the all-star team, and they were on hand on the second squad. It was the Portland Buckaroos who finished first in the regular season, and that fact was reflected in the voting by the players for all-star berths.

No less than four Bucks — goalie **Jim McLeod**, defenceman **Connie Madigan** and forwards **Art Jones** and **Bill Saunders** were first team members, and defenceman **Dennis Kearns** and centre **Norm Johnson** were on the second.

Seattle did nicely, too, with defenceman **John Hanna** and right winger **Bob Courcy** making the first team, Hanna doubling as most valuable and best defenceman, **Guyle Fielder** getting the nod as most gentlemanly, and **Jack Michie** being named rookie of the year.

But things should be different this year. The way the Canucks have been dominating the league race for the last while, the voters no doubt will study the Vancouver roster very closely.

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The most Canucks ever to reach all-star status in one season was five, in 1957-58, when the voting was done on a division basis and there were just four clubs in the Coast Division. That quintet: defenceman **Hugh Currie** and right winger **Jackie McLeod**, first team, and goalie **Marcel Pelletier**, defenceman **Brent Macnab** and centre **Phil Maloney** on the second.

This season, in competition with six other clubs, Canuck players could dominate the selections. Let's take a look, by position:

Goal — It would seem to be a two-way fight between Vancouver's **George Gardner** and San Diego's **Jack McCartan** — and usually, when it's close, players on first-place clubs are given the edge.

Defence — Hanna and Madigan are still tough opposition but **Marc Reaume** must rate an excellent chance. Tough **John Arbour** should draw a lot of votes, too — if only from the player's he's battled with this season.

Centre — **Phil Maloney** always had to compete with **Guyle Fielder**, **Art Jones** and **Norm Johnson** for votes here, and that trio is still around. But how can anybody ignore **Andy Bathgate**, undoubtedly the best in the league? And **Gerry Goyer** might give Jones a run for second team honors.

Right wing — **Bob Courcy** and Portland's **Andy Hebenton** rate high, but **Murray Hall** should be right up there in the voting.

Left wing — **Paul Andrea** should make the grade, with **Bill Saunders** and **Len Ronson** his major competition.

First team favorites: Gardner, Reaume, Bathgate, Andrea.

And the **Leader Cup** winner, as most valuable? It should be a shoo-in for Bathgate. If it isn't, somebody should demand a recount.

Reaume ought to have a good shot, too, at the **Hal Laycoe Cup** as outstanding defenceman.

The rookie and most gentlemanly awards (**Fred J. Hume Cup**) are tougher. With each club carrying two rookies this year, there are a lot of good youngsters around. Phoenix's **Frank Hughes** is among the rugged competition for the Canucks' **Brad**

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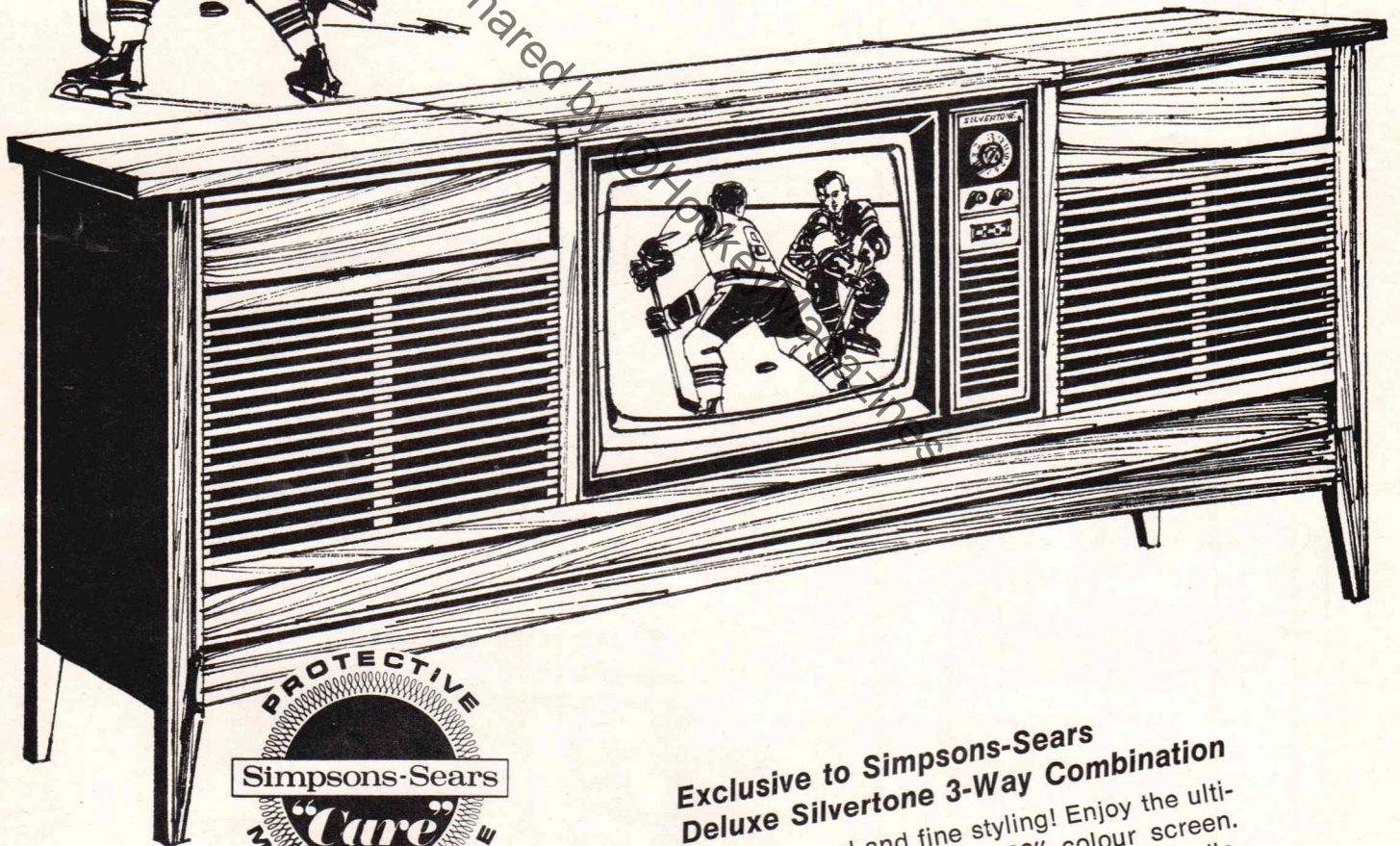
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Adams pioneered the offensive concept of today's style of hockey, viz., shoot, shoot, shoot. Then shoot some more. Poile was a shooter. The fact that Adams also was a product of Fort William might have helped cement what turned out to be a close relationship.

After stopping off in Detroit as a player, Poile came back to the Red Wing organization in 1952 as coach and general manager of Edmonton Flyers. Besides running the Wings' WHL farm club, he was also their chief western scout.

In 10 years with the Flyers, he won three WHL championships, missed the playoffs only once and sent some pretty fair talent up to the parent club. **Norm Ullman**, **Johnny Bucyk**, **Glenn Hall** and **Bruce MacGregor** come immediately to mind.

The only mistake he made was in the spring of 1962. He should have gagged Adams when Jack announced, during a visit to Edmonton for a Memorial Cup final, that he would run the Wings for just one more season, then appoint Bud as his successor.

When the news got to Wings owner **Bruce Norris**, he was not amused. He decided that appointments of this kind were his prerogative, not Adams'. So he fired Jack and elevated **Sid Abel** to the dual role of coach and manager.

There being no room at the top anymore in Detroit, Bud became coach and general manager of the San Francisco Seals, then being operated by Vancouver's **Coley Hall**. In four seasons there his teams won two playoff championships and Poile's crises career reached its peak.

"Coley fired me six or seven times," he remembered recently for a Toronto reporter, "sometimes from as far away as Honolulu. But he usually called the next day and said everything was okay."

His real trouble there came after Coley sold out and **George Fleharty**, who later turned up in Vancouver as the operator of the ill-starred pro soccer venture here, took over.

They agreed to disagree on several matters and in 1966 the association ended with what is known as a soft sacking. Bud was offered an executive vice-presidency in charge of selling old Goldwater buttons. Or some such thing.

He declined. And now that he's become part of the local landscape, someone should remember to introduce



EDDIE SHORE
... kept upper hand

him to **Bobby Robson**, when and if that soccer coach pays another visit. Fleharty axed Robson, too. They could probably swap many stories.

In retrospect, Poile can look upon that disagreement just a little fondly. It left him free to go with Philadelphia, where he put together one of the best organizations in the NHL's expansion division. None of the NHL's new teams has a brighter looking future than Philly.

The reason or reasons for his disagreement with — and subsequent firing by — the club's board chairman, **Ed Snider**, are one of hockey's better kept secrets of the year.

But they can't detract from the fact he has had a remarkably successful run at the game's coaching and executive level.

Indeed, the only time anyone can remember him coming up with his smiling face covered in several feet of egg was back in 1951, his first year ever as coach, with Tulsa of the old United States League.

He had a player with a broken arm and, in a moment of what he thought to be inspired genius, he traded the cripple to **Eddie Shore**. As he loaded the guy onto the train for Fort Worth, he patted himself on the back. He would become famous as the only guy in the history of the game ever to beat Shore on a player deal.

The next day Eddie's half of the trade arrived. He was wearing crutches as he climbed down off the train. Poor chap ... he had a broken leg.

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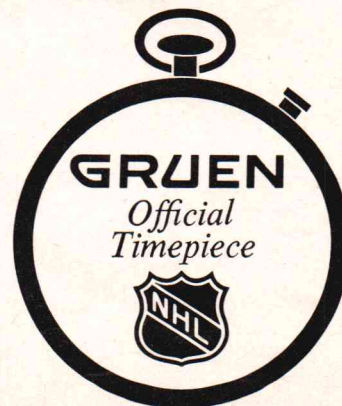
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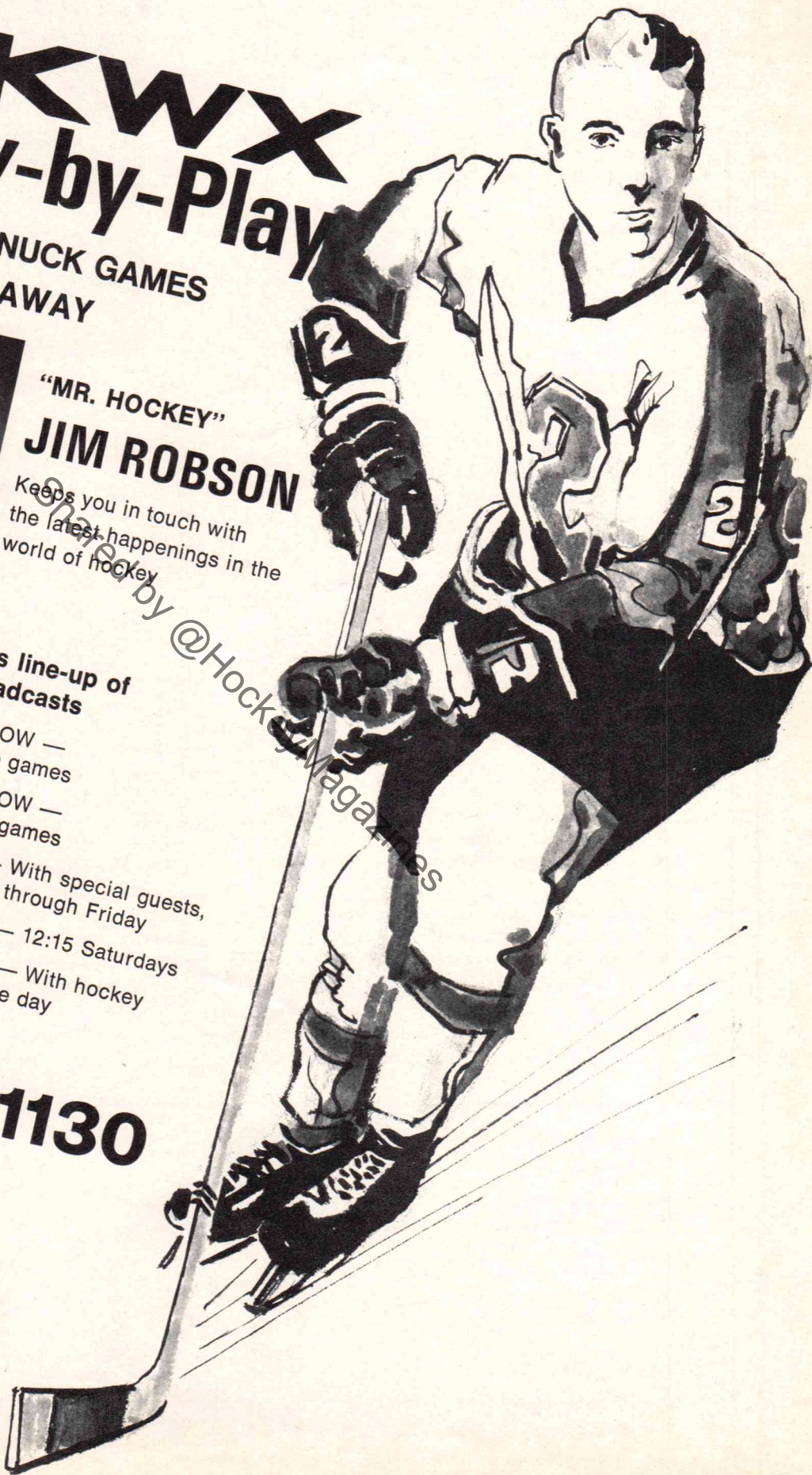
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